

Annual Report of Manager and Trustees, Eastern Irrigation District Report of the Board of Trustees

To The Water Users,
Eastern Irrigation District.

We make the following report on the general affairs of the Eastern Irrigation District during the Year 1937.

There is attached hereto copy of the reports of the General Manager and of the Auditor of the Board of Trustees.

The Board has given constant thought to the question of water rates and the possibility of lowering it. Following suggestions made at the Annual Meeting a year ago, it has survived very severe and increasing drought and thereby increasing productive acreage. The General Manager's report will show work as having started and advanced on a number of reserves. During the year the Board negotiated with the Federal Government to obtain a grant of \$50,000 for the development of the Hocking Hills Project. A large portion of this is being spent on improvements at Antelope Creek Syphon and Lake Newell, speeding up water delivery and increasing storage. This program covers the next six months. No settlement is planned for the project in 1938, although some land may be developed in preparation for settlement in 1939.

The District has reached a point where it is faced with the possibility of repossessing a considerable number of farms. These farms are now in the hands of poor operators and are being allowed to deteriorate year after year by weeds and improper management. The Board has practically decided to establish this year a policy of farm management under which it will employ a supervisor and take definite control of operations on such farms, endeavoring to build them up and increase their value before it becomes too late.

Acting upon their instructions at the last Annual Meeting, the Board inaugurated a life insurance policy. A premium of five cents per acre was levied on all irrigable land to create a fund from which cash would be paid in the event of water rate and land payments, but not exceeding Two Dollars per acre, were to be paid. The District has suffered a serious loss in the nature of a Trust and was maintained quite apart from the water rate of the District, or from any of the other funds. To February 23, 1938, \$45,660.00 were collected in premiums. The District has suffered a serious loss in the nature of a Trust and was maintained quite apart from the water rate of the District, or from any of the other funds. To February 23, 1938, \$45,660.00 were collected in premiums. The District has suffered a serious loss in the nature of a Trust and was maintained quite apart from the water rate of the District, or from any of the other funds. To February 23, 1938, \$45,660.00 were collected in premiums.

The Board placed Group Insurance upon its employees early in the year taking a policy with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, under which the District contributes \$254.30 towards payment of the premiums, the employees paying the balance themselves. The cost to the District was one third of the total.

The Board approved an affidavit used distribution policy, by which the District supplied reasonable quantities of alfalfa seed to certain water users at one half cash, the balance payable by return of seed or hay when available. It is felt that the policy is a beneficial one and a reasonable reserve is accumulated. It will be continued in 1938 to the extent of the seed available.

A drainage policy, by which water users could arrange with the District for the construction of farm drains, paying twenty-five percent of the cost in cash and the balance with land payments was pursued throughout the year.

Considerable thought has been given from time to time to the question of community lease. This presents a real problem in some sections of the District, particularly in the case of the deterioration of leases in recent dry years. It was decided at one time to establish one or two community pastures under the direct supervision of the District but the idea has been temporarily abandoned because of the outlay required, and the possibility of the District having to continue in the status of an industrial organization under the Labor Statute of the Province.

The District came under new regulations on minimum wage and hours of work of Provincial authorities at 1st October. These seriously disturbed the estimates under which it was working and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees interviewed the Hon. Industrial Relations in Edmonton respecting them. It was found impossible to secure relief from the regulations and several changes in administration had to be made in 1938 to meet the situation, and to keep water rates at a level of 1937.

The extensive development of pumping projects in the District has caused the Board to give some thought to making a charge for water pumped from the District's distribution or drainage ditches. The question is still under consideration.

The Board has investigated possibilities of getting industrial sections started in the Project, but as yet nothing has developed in this line. As an aid to dispose of coarse feeds and hay, and also in collection of rates, the Board approved the policy of assisting settlers to procure live stock for fattening purposes.

The Board held eleven regular meetings during the year.

CARL J. ANDERSON, Chairman
ROBERT SCOTT, Trustee
HENRY DAHL, Trustee

Report of General Manager

To the Board of Trustees,
Eastern Irrigation District.

Crop production in the Eastern Irrigation District in 1937 was not as satisfactory as in 1936. Owing to extreme drought in the early part of the season a great percentage of the crop had to be irrigated through the ground. This caused considerable "root rot" crop and, added variation in yields. Production, as shown by the following tables, was however generally satisfactory.

Total Crop	103,384 Acres
Total Hay	2,015,572 Bush.
Total Hays	23,244 Tons
Small Grains, Peas, etc.	1,775,973 Lbs.
Average Yield Per Acre	21 1/2 Bush.
Wheat	22 1/2
Barley	21 1/2
Peas	10 1/2

The District again profited by crop failure in other parts of Western Canada, there being a ready market for all feed crops and for wheat. Collections for the current year were maintained, and when it was considered that large quantities of feed crops were being marketed in 1938 due to rising prices, it is anticipated that collections on the year's business will be well ahead of any previous year. Despite an increased expenditure on maintenance of \$14,137.18, the District had an operating surplus for the year of \$23,455.55.

Water was turned into the Main Canal on 10th May this year as compared to 14th May last year. The water was turned off at Basasso Dam on 26th October.

Total water diverted from the Bow River during the year was 560,214 (Continued on page 3)

Track and Field Ass'n Met Sunday

On Sunday, April 10th, 1938, Stewart McLean, A. K. Currie and William McLean attended a meeting of the Bow Valley Intercollegiate track and field meet Association at Glenora, for the purpose of making arrangements for the regular annual track meet.

Last year the meet was held at Basasso, but this year it is to be held at Glenora on 24th May, next year at Strathmore and the next year at Brooks, the idea being to rotate around the various larger centres.

Teachers from the various districts were in attendance and quite a mass of business was attended to, including arrangements for officials for the day, election of officers, and considerable amount of discussion leading to the promotion of athletics in the District.

The District is divided into three main sections, Western, Central and Eastern. In the fall local meets are held, where three winners in each event in each class are determined. These three winners are entitled to represent the district in the Central meet, which is held usually at the end of May or at the beginning of June.

Basasso will have a large representation at the meet to be held at Glenora and already some of the contestants have made preliminary arrangements and have started getting into condition for their final test. Believe it or not, Goldie Smith was observed out the other night with his shovel, putting the pole-vaulting pit and apparatus in shape. It seems that while his some suggestions to a well rounded figure in the pole-vaulting sphere.

Rosemary

Mr. and Mrs. A. Narum, Justin and Bernice, spent Sunday visiting Mrs. J. MacLeod and Dorothy.

The winter session of the Minnabito Bible School came to a close Saturday when the Bible students gave their final programme.

A number of people attended the show "Castaña Corgueana" at Basasso Friday evening.

Miss Lydia Janzen is now employed as clerk in Max Conna's store.

The north-western section of the Rosemary colony is being rapidly settled. A number of houses are being either built or moved in.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

The 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Narum was celebrated at a close by Saturday evening, April 9th. Their many friends gathered to congratulate them and wish them many more years of happiness together.

Mrs. Narum who is 87 and Mr. Narum who is 78 were married fifty years ago in Hooten's Mill.

An interesting programme was enjoyed by everyone. The Ladies Club of which Mrs. Narum has been a member for the past eight years, presented her with a beautiful bouquet of Narcissus flowers. On behalf of their many friends of the community, the chairman Mr. Basasso, presented Mrs. Narum with a beautiful brooch and Mr. Narum with a signed ring and a purse of money.

Following the presentation a lunch was served. A beautiful decorated three tier cake was served to the crowd. The entertainment was brought to a close by wishing Mr. and Mrs. Narum the best of luck and happy days and singing "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

Sympathy is extended to the wife and family of Mr. Zacharias who passed away Friday afternoon at the Basasso hospital. Mr. Zacharias was then ill less than a week. Funeral services were held Monday in the Minnabito Church.

Gem Notes

Mr. C. A. Waltemath had his auction sale on April 8th. On account of the poor condition of the roads, there was not a very large crowd. Mr. Poles was the auctioneer. The ladies sold lunch at the sale.

The Gem Community Club sponsored a dance in the Gem School house on Friday, April 8th. The door prize was won by Mr. P. Williamson. The ladies served lunch. The Melody Five supplied the music.

Mrs. C. A. Waltemath was the guest of honor at a tea given by Mrs. A. Callahan on Thursday April 7th. A number of ladies attended and presented the guest of honor with a lovely bouquet. Lunch was served by Mrs. Callaghan, Mable Douglas and Mrs. McGuire.

Mrs. Mable Douglas and Mr. F. J. Hadden entertained a few guests at "Five Hundred" last week. Mrs. J. Ryan won the ladies high score prize while Mrs. Brown being fortunate enough to win the consolation prize. Mr. J. Standen won the men's high score, while Mr. S. Hendrickson won the men's consolation prize. Lunch was served and the guests had an enjoyable evening.

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual dance sponsored by the Catholic Club on April 23. Don't forget you may be fortunate enough to win one of the numerous prizes that are to be awarded. The Melody Five will be the orchestra and the Gem School house the place. Free lunch will be served. Come and enjoy yourself.

Having a little trouble with the mail truck now-a-days, eh Jack? April showers are here again. It rained in Glenora on Saturday evening and Tuesday afternoon. There was a slight hail all the south end on Tuesday afternoon. This causes the roads of the Colony to be in pretty poor condition.

Hussar Notes

Mr. and Mrs. F. Brink returned to Hussar on Monday.

Miss Olive Brughton also arrived in Hussar on Monday's train, as did Miss Shirley Cullen.

Mr. H. Kerner came back from California on Monday. He reports that he was in much of the recent flood there, and is glad to return to farm again.

Moesta, Tom Burdett and Roy White motored to Calgary on Monday.

Mr. T. J. Bell motored to Calgary to meet Mr. Bell, who has been visiting in B. C. and in Delburne, and attending conference of the W. I. G. O.'s in Edmonton and Lethbridge. They returned on Sunday.

Regaining has been done on the main highway west of Hussar, where there was a bad washout and it is hoped that that road will be in use before the end of the week.

A heavy rain fell in Hussar and district on Saturday night. Pined hawks are covered with water and water fowl, and the sloughs around are quite full of water.

Sergeant Clark motored from Basasso on Monday, returning to Hussar.

Mr. Chris Johnson was up from Philipson on Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Crough wishes to extend thanks to all who attended the surprise parties for them, before they left, and to all who contributed to the gift of silverware that they received.

Mr. and Mrs. Crough have moved to Philipson, near Millet.

Spring seems to have arrived; the country is taking on a shade of green, and everybody is "in the go". Still several more dry days before field work may begin.

The smelter evening given by Len Basso was a success. The Melody Five band rode in from the bad roads. It will be held later. There was no church service because of the condition of the roads.

Mr. Phil Trivette left Tuesday for Basasso for an appendicitis operation. Miss June Dundas went to Basasso on Tuesday.

Local Fire Brigade Shows Efficiency, Promptness on Scene

Shower in Honor of Miss Plumer

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston was the scene of a very pretty shower, in honor of Miss Jean Plumer, bride-elect, when Miss Grace Scher entertained a number of friends on Saturday night of last week. The occasion was a complete surprise to Miss Plumer, who entered the home to the strains of the Wedding March, played by Miss K. Murdoch.

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Following this a beautiful very beautiful gift for the bride-to-be were rolled into the room and presented to Miss Plumer. Miss Plumer expressed her deep appreciation for the friendship shown and thanked all heartily. The party broke up in the wee' small hours of the morning, following an enjoyable hour of singing favorite songs.

CHICKEN DINNER AT GEM

The ladies of the New Form Church of Jesus Christ are sponsoring a Chicken Dinner on Saturday, April 16th at 2 p.m. Proceeds derived are to be in aid of their Sunday School, which is growing each week. This will be a real treat, so be sure to come along, and bring all your friends.

Countess Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. Hartley were dinner guests at the Perry home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berg were guests at the McElrath home for a few days last week.

Mr. George Farrelly returned to Colesburg on Wednesday, April 6th. After a couple weeks stay at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haver, their daughter and Miss Haver, returned to Hussar on Saturday, April 9th.

Gordon Farrelly attended the Waltemath sale in Gem on Friday. He reported roads up that way to be in poor condition at the Hockley home on Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Jones, Mr. C. E. Jones, Miss Bonnie Peterson, Mr. J. P. Alken and Robert Ferguson were afternoon callers at the H. P. Ferguson home on Sunday.

Mrs. H. B. Cowan of Countess had as dinner guests on Sunday in honor of Mr. H. B. Cowan's 60th birthday the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cowan of Makepeace, father and mother of Mr. Cowan; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Deans and family of Countess; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Price and family of Basasso; Mr. and Mrs. E. Larchell of Countess; Mr. and Mrs. J. Schaefer of Basasso; Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Cowan of Makepeace; J. Armstrong of Countess.

Mr. and Mrs. Olive and Mr. and Mrs. J. Schaefer and Alice Cowan were guests at the Deans home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cowan were callers at the Hockley home on Sunday.

GEN CATHOLIC LADIES

TO SPONSOR DANCE

Friday evening, April 22nd, the Gem School House will be the scene of the Annual Dance sponsored by the Catholic Ladies of Gem Colony. It is the prophecy of the ladies that this dance will be the most successful yet staged by their organization, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening will be had by all who are fortunate enough to be in attendance.

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On Easter Monday the Post Office will be open as usual.

POST OFFICE HOURS

Starting on Wednesday, April 20th the wicket at the Post Office will be closed at 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

The public lobby will be open as usual until 10 p.m.

All mail will be dispatched as usual.

On good Friday the wicket will be closed at 1 o'clock p.m. and the public lobby from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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THE PRODUCTION TAX

WHERE TWO or more farmers are observed together these days with arms and voices raised, one needs only one guess to deduce the subject matter of the conversation.—The famous or, depending on one's point of view, infamous, Production Tax. We know of no legislation introduced by any previous Alberta Administration which has raised such a storm of protest and which by reason of the unfairness of its provisions, deserves such whole-hearted condemnation.

The general principle back of a tax based on production may be sound, if the details supporting it are fair and equitable. But any tax based on gross production must inevitably in many cases be unfair for the simple reason, as farmers have thoroughly learned, that production is not always profitable, and any tax sought to be levied on production produced at a loss ought to be consequent. A tax on gross production in order to be quite fair ought to be based on net profit, and then only after making due allowance for the living requirements of the tax-payer—in other words, a tax on income which has already been paid.

In passing the statute, the Government showed its hand too fully and invited the farmers to abandon their support of Social Credit. The measure is the death warrant of the party. The lamentations will not be loud nor lasting in almost any quarter. Farmers, if they organize their protests properly, which it may be assured will be done, need not fear that the Act in its present form will ever be enforced—even if ruled valid by the Supreme Court, to which it will be submitted for an opinion. The reference to the Courts, if the truth were known, is nothing more nor less than a dodge to gain time in which to ascertain the force of public opinion. Once the strength of the strength of the opposition is home, the Government will merely repeal the statute, when it will become, through the involved process of Social Credit reasoning, "a dividend operating in reverse", or enucleate it by amendment.

Frankly it ought to be a matter of rejoicing that the present Statute did pass the Assembly for the simple reason that present Statute did pass the Assembly for the simple reason that it shows what are the real intentions of the Government. The public memory is notoriously short. But it is really expecting too much to imagine that the public will have forgotten this attempt within the next two years when an election must be held—unless, of course, Mr. Abernethy can pass another law declaring that it is "not the will of the people" to have an election then and postpone it for another couple of years.

MINISTERS NOT ALLOWED

NEW BRUNSWICK apparently is thoroughly sold on the idea that politics and religion do not mix at all well. Furthermore, it has done something about the problem of keeping them apart. It has passed a law in the Province forbidding any clergyman the right to sit in the Legislature. Whatever may be the reason behind such a move in the Maritime Province, it is a move which would meet with much approval in many quarters in the Province of Alberta today for two reasons: that real religion is being befuddled by politics and practical politics is being befuddled by religion. Withal that we really do think that it ought to be left to the good sense of the Ministers to leave politics alone except in private capacities, and for the politician to do likewise for the good of both.

THE AUSTRIAN PLEBISCITE

THE RESULTS of the Austrian plebiscite taken last Sabbath, ought to be a revelation to those who preach on the wisdom and freedom of the totalitarian state as contrasted with no difference except in name only, in Russia and in Germany and Italy. When better than 99% of the voting population vote in favour of a question such as was placed before the electorate of the former Austrian State and here in Germany, it may be concluded reasonably that, "there is something rotten in the State of Denmark." One only wonders, after witnessing this result, and reading of the methods taken to obtain it, why it is that thinking people in a free country such as Canada tolerate at all the advocates of Communism and the like, such as our old friend Tim Buck now spending his time pleasantly in Russia presumably at his own expense, and from which he is able, notwithstanding his self-confessed embarrassed financial condition, to send lengthy eulogistic epistles of the Russian system to Canada, for which he must pay the very substantial rate of nine cents per word. The answer, of course, is that he is in the pay of the Soviet, and the purpose is to establish the Russian system or something like it in Canada.

THE E.L.D. REPORT

THE THIRD Annual Report covering operations of the Eastern Irrigation District for the year 1937 is now released and provides room for study and examination by all those interested, which includes practically everyone living in the District. Reports of the Trustees and of the General Manager are given in full detail where in this issue. While the District operated at a profit of over \$3,000 this is not a figure which should cause any great amount of enthusiasm or be the cause of an agitation for the reduction of water rates, which averaged \$1.70 per acre over the project, as against a rate of \$1.75 per acre, which will be continued for the year 1938.

A very proper warning has been sounded as to the unreasonableness of expecting a complete cure of drought conditions in Western Canada which has afflicted the District so much in recent years by providing a ready market for the produce of the District at good prices without much competition. The solution may lie in part with the establishment of small industries, but the individual farmer would do well not to rely too much on this proposal on which a start has hardly been made.

The District appears to have assisted the Town of Brooks to the extent of \$5,000 maturing in 1937 at 5% and held \$20,000.00 of Provincial Bonds having a book value of \$14,394.24 and \$78,000.00 in Alberta Savings Certificates at 3% plus other investments worth in all \$296,301.65.

While according to the Auditor's report no provision has been made in the revenue and expenditure account for depreciation of irrigation structures and buildings, it appears that a reserve has been set aside for the replacement of capital structures of well over a million dollars, which would be made available by payments under land contracts are kept up in a reasonably satisfactory manner.

"NO WAD SOME POWER THE GIFTIE GIE US
TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US."—Burns.

From Our Exchange Columns

WE DON'T LIKE PEOPLE

WE DON'T LIKE people who by too much bragging about their past connections, their present importance of their children's achievements make us feel as though we amounted to minus nothing.

We don't like people who run down our friends, our favorite sports or amusements or our current health fads.

We don't like people who continually claim (as has been done for thousands of years) that the world is going to the dogs unless their pet policies concerning politics, economics, and religion are immediately adopted, unconditionally.

We don't like people who try to ram any of their pet notions down our throats by vilification of those who hold different opinions, by sour smirks and loud voices.

BUT—while reviewing the above lines we recalled a story concerning two colored boys who were arguing vociferously and with gestures. Banjo had just stringed together a chain of unusually strong and bad melange epithets and slung it into the face of Charlie. When Charlie almost caught his breath he gasped: "You know all those names you just called me? Well, you IS 'EM!"

Sometimes others may think that in some few particulars we may bear a slight resemblance to the PEOPLE WE DON'T LIKE. —Cardston News

WAR IS FAR AWAY

LORD BEAVERBROOK, Canadian-born owner of two great British newspapers, is quite sure in his own mind that there will be no life here this year or next, or for that matter he thinks that if peace can be kept for two years a conflict can be escaped for a long, long time, for as history proves national animosities are quickly reconciled.

Lord Beaverbrook's summary up of the European situation is as follows: "The French will not fight, being a nation of pacifists and unwilling to start a war. The Germans cannot fight. Their army would, in its present condition, be crushed by the French alone. Italy is a second-rate power and must play a subordinate part either to Germany or Great Britain. Russia has air force bigger than Germany's and manned by better pilots, but the Russians dare not make war on Germany. If they did so internal dissensions would break out in an immediate strife for power in Moscow. As for Britain she has no intention of fighting at all."

We hope Lord Beaverbrook is right, but history has shown that a comparatively trivial incident, occurs at a tense time, can easily start a great war. That is why statesmen at the head of affairs in democratic countries are moving so carefully today. War is the last thing they want. —Hanna Herald

LOOKS INTO HYPOCRISY

THE FURTHER THE Abernethy government goes, the more ridiculous, futile and insane it seems to become. Its almost three years of life have been strewn with absurd and childish acts and actions. Possibly more of these have been packed into the last session than in any previous similar length of time. —To let some—

The rank hypocrisy of the Sacred M.L.A.'s in boosting their own indemnities on the one hand, and on the other pleading the poverty of the people as an excuse for voting down the appropriation for maintenance of Government House. The absurdity of the charge and conviction of Don C. Brown, Journal reporter, followed immediately by the order of his release.

The expenditure of over \$11,000 of public funds for preparation of the province's brief for the Rowell Commission. And then childish refusal to present the brief to the commission?

These are the most glaring of dozens of positively foolish, useless, wanton and wasteful actions. One suspects it is a parade for show and excitement to divert the electors from this government's pledged platform and line of duty.

How long are the poor suffering common people going to be fooled by such sham? Surely our people have sense enough to see through it all, and demand of their government, if not Social Credit, at least, sane, orderly, business-like administration. —Athabasca Echo

TOO SENSIBLE TO BE ACCEPTED

BOARD OF TRADE of the province of British Columbia have filed a brief with the Rowell Commission, recommending that provincial legislatures be done away with, and provincial affairs administered by an appointive council, charging legislatures with inefficiency, extravagance and too much patronage.

The charges are so manifestly true that the wonder is they should have been so long withstanding. But their very truth almost certainly obviates any possibility of removal of legislatures. First, provincial legislatures are authorized by the articles of confederation, and there will be plenty of interested persons to uphold the letter of confederation, though it be to the detriment of the people at large. Then there are those who are protesting from the "extraneous" and patronage displayed by the provincial legislatures. Unfortunately these people for the most part are those in positions to make themselves heard when changes in government are being considered, and they will certainly be heard in defence of the trough from which they have fed these many years.

The coverage man in British Columbia or Alberta will voice a hearty "amen" to the request that legislatures be done away with. But it is not the average man who is in a position to make his views effectively known. It is "a consumption devotedly to be wished" but we will probably have to take it out in wishings. —Peace River Record

WHO IS THE GAINER?

IF THE GOVERNMENT persists in imposing further taxation on banks, what will be the result? It is known that in most rural centers, banks are exactly meeting operating expenses, indeed some are remaining open at a loss. Further taxation will mean the closing of many branches, and gradual withdrawal from the province. Towns in which two or three banks are operating are likely to see no villages may be deprived of all bank facilities. This will mean the loss of families and payrolls to towns and villages and also a loss in property taxation. The government may conceivably increase its revenue to one degree, but the loss to towns and villages will be a formidable total in comparison with the small increase which the government will realize. —Vulcan Advocate

Annual Dance

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Arrowwood

Miss Inez Shatto, who has taken a course at the Bible Institute Calgary, returned to her home last week.

Mr. J. Henshaw was a visitor to his home over the week end, and he reported a new Ford light delivery.

It was regretted that two of the artists name were left out of the paper last week in the programme put on by Mrs. Keith after the S. C. Supper, it should have read, Miss T. Coleman, piano solo, and Miss M. Sherman, tap dance.

Mr. Ralph Leonard is the owner of a new Fargo truck, delivered this week.

Mr. W. Schulz received news last

Monday, April 11th of the death of his Mother, in the Medicine Hat General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz left on Wednesday to attend the funeral, which was held on Thursday at the Lutheran Church at Irvine.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Becker of Turner Valley, has been visiting in Arrowwood over the week-end.

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1st Sunday of the month at 9 o'clock

Special Devotions will be announced

as the occasion arises.

REV. JAMES MORROW - PASTOR

Church of England

BASSANO, ALTA.

Banquet Sunday, April 17th 1938

Holy Communion and Sermon 11 a.m.

Rev. John Naylor.

Meeting of congregation after service.

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 Men's Work Pants Iron Man, grey or brown, on sale at \$2.45
 Dress Pants, assorted patterns, \$4.75 on sale at \$3.95
 Underwear, special, all different kinds at low prices
 Men's Dress Socks, reg. \$5.00 and 60c to clear at \$3.95
 Cow Boy Riding Boots, special at per pair \$9.95
 Cow Boy Riding Boots for \$13.95 and up.

Grocery Specials

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 Orange Marmalade, regular 50c on special at 40c
 Rice, No. 1 China, on special, 3 pounds 55c
 Chiffon, Put up in 1 pound pails, on special, per pound 25c
 Tomatoes Cera or Pears, Mixed, 8 lbs. \$1.00
 Pineapple or Pears, 2 lbs. for 25c
 Dried Peaches, Pears or Apricots, special 3 pounds 25c
 Prunes, put up in 35 pound boxes, special at per pound 10c
 Salt Carrots, special at each 10c
 Beans, Hand picked, 4 pounds for 25c
 Idaho Sugar, per pound 10c
 800 Soda special at 40c

See Us For Your Fruits and Vegetables. Oranges, large and juicy 3 dozen for 55c, medium and juicy 4 dozen for 55c
 Lemons, large, per dozen 40c
 Apples, 4 pounds for 55c. Ban. nan. 2 pounds for 55c
 Carrots, Cabbage Turnips on hand.

Are Life Insurance Funds Invested in Alberta?

Answer—Yes, to the extent of over Ninety Million Dollars.

Question—Where are these millions invested?

Answer—In the cities and towns, villages and country districts of the Province.

Q—How are these millions invested?

A—In many worth-while enterprises for the benefit of all the people of Alberta—homes—farms—schools—good roads—local improvements—industries—and transportation systems.

Q—Then Life Insurance dollars really do "double duty"?

A—Yes, these dollars not only give financial protection to the women, children and the aged—but they also benefit the general public through the promotion of worthy undertakings.

Q—Why is it necessary for insurance funds to earn interest?

A—To secure the reasonable interest return necessary under policy guarantees to meet all obligations at maturity.

Q—What is the record of Life Insurance in Canada?

A—Through depressions, epidemics, and wars, Life Insurance has continued to fill every guarantee to policyholders, 100 cents on the dollar.

This is the fifth of a series of messages sponsored by the Life Insurance Companies, operating in Canada. The last, to appear in two weeks' time, will discuss how women and children benefit from Life Insurance.

Life Insurance



Guardian of Canadian Homes

E. I. D. Annual Report

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new fee: there were 124,645 irrigable acres on the Water Roll this year as compared to 116,278 acre in the previous year.

The distribution of acreage and cost by Operating Division was as follows:

Division	Irrigable Acreage	Percent of Acreage	Water Revenue to total	Cost of Water Delivered	Cost Per Acre
A—Bow Slope	22,149	17.8%	\$2,178.97	\$2,747.16	1.20
B—TOD	27,713	22.2%	\$1,414.13	\$7,858.69	1.21
C—Brooks	30,818	24.7%	\$1,539.79	\$5,947.93	1.72
D—Duchess	22,987	18.5%	\$4,289.95	\$5,175.84	1.59
E—Bassano	15,281	12.2%	\$1,203.20	\$7,721.33	1.79
TOTAL	124,645	100.0%	\$11,645.13	\$31,399.59	1.70

Total rainfall for the year was 11.38 inches, of which 4.11 fell during the growing season.

The District continued to improve its distributary system. Further work was done on the Cowell Reservoir and a new diversion work to take water from Nigger John Coulee for the Imperial Colony was commenced. A heavy programme of maintenance and repair on all structures from the Bassano Dam to the smallest on the project was done.

Time was found to increase the maintenance and building programme on other properties of the District. The Building at Headquarters, Brooks, were completely renovated and painted. Paving and resurfacing was carried on at other parts of the District as well.

The District improved its equipment by the purchase of two Bucyrus-Erie Draglines. Its fleet of cars and its light equipment was maintained at high standard by new purchases. Its force of horses was further improved. Owing to the high prices of livestock and feed no extensive programme of stock feeding was undertaken, but a limited policy of moving stock to market was followed in the interest of collections.

The Management met some difficulties in the new Minimum Wage and Hours of Work Regulations. As you are aware we are required to submit to the Irrigation Council of Alberta before March 1st of each year our estimate of cost for that year. Our estimate for 1958 was prepared by Provincial authorities. The District estimated at first it was agricultural and was exempt but found later it was considered industrial and was therefore subject to regulations. These regulations, coming late in the season and after estimates had been carefully worked out, caused some difficulty. This being met by re-organization of staff for 1958.

Much attention cannot be paid by the District to the establishment of much industry to give an outlet to the farm products. The District has been most fortunate in the past two seasons in profiting by drought conditions in other parts of Western Canada and by world conditions. It is unfortunate to expect these conditions and farmers of the Irrigation Council section should be giving considerable thought to diversifying their enterprises. We have been surveying the entire field and are hopeful some progress will be made in the coming year towards such enterprises.

There is attached hereto the Balance Sheet prepared by the Provincial Auditor which shows the financial position of the District at the end of the year. Your attention is drawn particularly to the statement of bonds and debentures held in the reserve account.

E. I. GRAY
General Manager.

HEALTH

A HEALTH SERVICE OF THE CANADIAN RED CROSS ASSOCIATION AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA

WHAT TO EAT TO BE HEALTHY

Number Three

Vitamin A is essential for the health of the mucous membrane of the eyes, nose, throat, sinuses, bronchial tubes, oesophagus, stomach, intestinal tract, and the genital-urinary passages.

The lack of Vitamin A in the diet causes eye trouble and tendency to infections.

The following foods give you Vitamin A: Pasteurized milk, cream and butter, cod liver oil, carrots, spinach, egg yolk, liver and kidney.

The distribution of vitamin A is very wide, and it is also very abundant. If your diet contains a pint of pasteurized milk a day, butter, two vegetables besides potato, as well as an egg a day, you will certainly be receiving in adequate supply of vitamin A.

Vitamin B1 and B2 are necessary for the nerves, skin, and the normal turning up of the sugar starches in the body.

The lack of vitamin B1 results in neuritis. A lack of these vitamins also result in constipation.

The following foods give you vitamins B1 B2: Most vegetables and fruits, particularly peas, beans and lentils, whole grain cereals, egg yolk, liver and kidney.

Vitamin B1 is widely but not abundantly distributed. We must watch carefully to see that we get an adequate supply of it. This vitamin is abundant in wheat germ and yeast. Unfortunately, vitamin B1 is water-soluble. If an excessive amount of water is used in cooking, as high as 90% of this vitamin may be thrown away in the cooking water.

In the next article of this series of "What to Eat to be Healthy," we will discuss vitamin C and D.

Watch this series for complete authoritative information on what to eat and where to find it.

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Cows don't pay.

A poultryman, and he'll tell you there's no money in eggs or poultry.

A fruit farmer, and he'll tell you there's no money in growing fruit.

A truck gardener, and he'll tell you there's no money in growing vegetables.

A florist, and he'll tell you there's no money in growing flowers or shrubs.

A livestock breeder, and he'll tell you there's no money in his line.

A miller, and he'll tell you there's no profits made in flour, feed or cereals.

A grain grower, and he'll tell you there's no money in grain.

A dairy executive, and he'll tell you there's no profits made in milk or its by-products.

A wholesale retail produce merchant, and he'll tell you there's no profit in his business.

A dealer in automobiles, and he'll tell you cars aren't selling very well.

A railroad, steamship or truck-portion head, and he'll tell you their system operates at a loss.

An employer, and he'll tell you of the high wages being paid.

A doctor, and he'll tell you that more than half his patients ignore his fees.

A parson, and you'll be surprised to learn that most day-olds live a hand-to-mouth existence.

A school teacher, and you'll discover that many of her educators are starving in rural schools.

A politician, and he'll declare there's nothing the government can do about it.

A farm worker, and he'll tell you he's broke.

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RECEIVING deposits or making loans, Canada's banks are dealing largely with other people's money. Parliament has placed the strictest safeguards around the handling of other people's money. When you deposit, or when you borrow, the strong right arm of the nation itself is thrown about you, for banking is subjected, through The Bank Act, to greater Government regulation, stricter supervision and more penetrating Parliamentary scrutiny than any other business in Canada.

Banks assemble the surplus funds of millions of Canadians, mostly in small sums. Based on these deposits, and their own resources, they make credit available where needed, for agriculture, commerce, industry, lumbering, mining, fishing, transportation, markets, governments, municipalities and individuals.

These are grave responsibilities. In discharging them the banks are well supervised.

Charters of all Canadian banks expire at the end of every ten years; they can be renewed for no more than ten years and then only after the most scrupulous parliamentary investigation of their business of banking. Can you name any other form of enterprise in Canada which every company's charter expires at one time? Or which has to undergo parliamentary investigation as a condition to continuing in business?

Parliament can, of course, amend The Bank Act at any time, but every ten years the House of Commons Committee of the House of Commons. They are examined and cross-examined by members, and every phase of banking is fully discussed.

It is a large committee which includes many of the ablest minds in Parliament. Every province and every political party is represented on it, so that Canadians do not lack in any sense for the most penetrating examination of the business of banking.

Canadians as a people thus regulate the business of banking through their elected representatives. Into The Bank Act, by reason of the work of this Committee over the years, have been built all of the safeguards prompted by experience.

In addition, Canada's chartered banks are supervised in various other ways and operate under almost continuous scrutiny. Shareholders appoint their own auditors—chartered accountants—who closely examine each bank's affairs.

There is no mystery about the work of Canada's chartered banks—their doings are an open book to the Dominion Government, through the Minister of Finance, his officers, and the public.

The chartered banks are controlled by specific laws, regulations, and by the public, through your protection as depositor, note-holder or borrower. Their work is to safeguard the security, promote the flow of trade and commerce and to facilitate the transfer of funds and services.

THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

Your local branch bank manager will be glad to talk banking with you. He will be glad to answer your questions from the standpoint of his own experience. The next article in this series will appear in this newspaper. Watch for it.

Easter Greetings

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ALL FOR 60c

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PRICE \$1.20

Jell-O, Six delicious flavors,
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Local and Personal
Notes

Mr. Main was a visitor to Calgary
for a few days the first of this week.

Mr. J. L. Zelenka spent Monday and
Tuesday visiting in Calgary.

Mr. Manson of Brooks was a visitor
in Bassano on Friday of last week.

Mr. Bob Harper was a visitor to
Calgary on Tuesday.

Dr. R. E. Barlow of Calgary spent
the first part of the week at his home
here.

Mr. and Mrs. Olive Nesbitt spent the
week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
J. H. Stiles.

Miss Boyce of the local nursing
staff was a visitor to Calgary over the
week-end.

Harold Barlow, teacher in the Major-
ville district, is spending the Easter
holidays with her parents in town.

Mary Lou Standen of Calgary passed
through town Thursday on the way to
her home in Gen.

Mr. Bob Harper, who has been
employed by Pedro Airways at Mon-
saw for the past few weeks, returned
home last week-end.

The Women's Institute Dance will be
held in the L.O.O.F. Hall on Monday,
April 18th. The admission will be 50c.
Lunch will be served to one and all.

Mr. Art Wiley, teller in the local
branch of the Royal Bank of Canada,
left Monday night for a few weeks
visit to be spent in Vancouver.

Mrs. A. S. Currie entertained a
number of the local ladies at two
tables of bridge on Friday night of
last week.

A number of the local veterans of
the Great War attended the Vimy
night celebration in Brooks on Friday
night. All report a very enjoyable
time.

RADIO LICENSES

Residents of the town and district
would be advised to obtain their Radio
Licenses for 1938, at the Post Office
now.

The fee is \$2.50 for Electric Radio
sets and \$2.00 for Battery sets, the
latter apply to country points only.

Radio's in Automobiles also require
a \$2.50 license.

Lathom Notes

J. Jefferson is back in the district
after spending the winter in Calgary.

John A. Wetmiller is back at the
Lore farm after spending the winter
in Winnipeg.

Miss C. Wright spent the week-end at
her home in Bassano.

Mrs. A. Waring and son of Calgary
are visiting at the home of Mrs.
Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Cowan returned to
Calgary on Saturday.

Miss O. Woyengo spent the week-
end at home.

J. C. Salmon was a Brooks visitor
Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Latson nee
Rosalee Salmon of Sundre, spent
Monday at the Salmon home, they
left Tuesday morning for Idlewild
where they intend to make their home.

George Smith and Stone Roberts
were Bassano visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Lore were Cal-
gary visitors last week.

Frank Miller of Sundre was a visit-
or at the Salmon home Monday.

WEATHER

(Readings Taken from Meteorological
Records kept at the Bassano Dam.)

Date	Max.	Min.
Thursday, April 7th	28	22
Friday, April 8th	29	23
Saturday, April 9th	43	37
Sunday, April 10th	58	37
Monday, April 11th	61	33
Tuesday, April 12th	57	34
Wednesday, April 13th	59	36

We have been having some of that
fine spring weather. Although the
sun has been warm through the day
it is quite chilly during the night.

FOR SALE—Simmons Walnut bed
stead double size practically new.
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Hires Root Beer, per bottle 35c

Canada Corn Starch, 2 pks. 25c

Glaze Cherries, per pound 50c

Dad's Cookies, Oatmeal or Coconut, 2
dozen in pkg. 20c

Pitted Dates, fresh stock, 3 pounds 40c

Split Lentils, 2 pounds 25c

Tea: Maltins Best, per pound 55c

Roman Meal, Dr. Jackson's, per pkg. 35c

Mack's No Rub, per cake 5c

O.G.D. Lemon Oil, per bottle 20c

Corn, Golden, 2 tins 25c

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